

Docket No. 204056US0CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF Hiroyuki SHIMIZU, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/960,487

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FOR: WIRE FOR WELDING

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment w/Marked-Up Copy (12 pp.) in the above-identified application.

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 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.  
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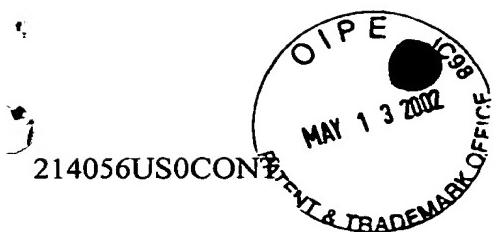
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2002, please amend the application identified above as follows (marked-up copies of amendments attached).

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 5-8 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-4, 10 and 12 as follows:

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